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Editorial

You turned out some two hundred strong to see George Daniels' movies of last summer's trail ride—and asked for them all over again, just like any gang at home. . .

You felt good without knowing it, at the welcoming smile of that natural hostess, Vi Schumacher. . .

You signed up right and left for the Activities Committee's proposed Overnight Ride of April 29 and 30, because it sounded like a good chance to have fun. . .

You cheered when Harry Rowell offered his rodeo grounds and facilities to the MHA Juniors, to help their treasury. . .

You raised \$150 for the State Trail Legislative Fund in five minutes when Stan Cosca suggested passing the hat—because the State Trail is a project dear to the hearts of horsemen. . . (Stan even donated in the name of his new MHA Junior son Stephen, age six weeks.)

You broke into "Happy Birthday, Dear Mary" because Secretary Mary Gale couldn't keep away, even though it was her own personal day to celebrate. . .

You applauded when Bob Hubbard of Sun Electric Corporation offered his comfortable new auditorium again for the next Open Meeting in June. . .

You didn't know, when Treasurer Mabel Smith came in, calm and smiling, that her car had been smashed in an accident that day, and she had spent the day in the hospital. . .

And maybe you didn't notice, but the chap who opened the meeting with the traditional "Ladies and Gentlemen," introduced the speakers and then sat back and looked proud of them, was your President, Heber Brown. . .

You consumed quantities of snails, doughnuts and coffee, to the great joy of the Himmelmans.

You were glad to see old friends like H. W. Starr of the Saddle Shop, Leo Armstrong of San Pablo Horsemen, and many more. . .

You went from group to group afterwards, and talked and talked, and almost never went home. . .

It was a wonderful meeting!



Janet Phillips, MHA Jr., in questionable company: left, President Heber James Brown; right, Emcee Joe Merritt. (Pilcher photo.)

The big free gift of the evening—a three-day reservation at the Palm Springs Convention—was given to our genial shoer of horses, Carl Hanson.

THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, who actually sparked the dance and put it over, deserve special mention: Bud Vogel, Deane Burton, Dutch Cummings, Mel Coe, Roger Farrar and Joe Merritt.

SHOW AND PARADE WINNERS

Monte Carlo, owned by Gus and Elsa Himmelman, shown by Norma Burton, took first in Western Pleasure and Western Trails at Barbara Worth's show in Sacramento. Ruby Welch took fourth, Margaret Rukavina fifth. English Equitation for children under 12 was won by Pat Rukavina, who took second in Western Equitation.

SPRING DANCE NET BETTER THAN \$650, SAYS BUD VOGEL

Ned was raised generally at the MHA Spring Dance, with good music, games and fun galore. Photographers crept up on merrymakers with startling results. As Emcee, Joe Merritt gained a nose but lost his voice.

All these workers, and many more, deserve credit: Vi Schumacher, Alice Merritt, Betty Hubbard, Barney Weisgerber, Eddie Martin, Heber Brown, Ray Theobald, George Walling, Lee Pierce, Glen DeWitt, Jack Gilbert, Neal and Jerry Sikes, Si Simons, Elsa and Gus Himmelman, Don Drysdale, Lou Alberts, Ted Jahn and Harold Cummings.

Kay Walling was greatly missed, but her appointment of Barbara Isham to take over for the Juniors proved a good choice.

In addition to the donors listed in March, thanks are due all these fine people:

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The Alameda Co. Sheriff's Posse, led by Captain Art Palmer, will be on duty to police the Murrieta Overnight Trail Ride, according to Sheriff Gleason.

Dusty Dale, mounted on Honest John, will sing and play his guitar along the trail, and riders will join in to make the hills and canyons echo. Everything possible has been planned to make this a memorable trek. As President Heber Brown pointed out, "This affair isn't planned to make money. We want to break even, but mainly we just want everybody to have a good time."

Other Riding Groups Invited

Castro Valley Wranglers, Hayward Buckaroos, a big group from Danville and other riders from other areas will ride out and join the fun at Crow Canyon Park. Write Bud Vogel, 414 East 15th St., Oakland, for reservations. The bigger the gang, the greater the fun!



Joaquin Miller Arena to Be Setting For Year's Big Event

At a recent meeting of MHA Past Presidents and City and Park officials, facilities for the Horse Show were discussed. William Penn Mott said that the recently widened roads would provide parking facilities for an attendance of 3500, and would also provide better gate control.

The MHA, with other interested groups, will ask the City for help in getting water to the arena. The purchase of seats and the problem of dust control are also under consideration.

GALA SEND-OFF AT CROSSROADS

There'll be flying of flags, grinding of cameras, music and ceremony when the mounted MHA meets at Redwood Road and Skyline on Saturday, April 29, to begin the Murrieta Overnight Trail Ride.

Mayor Cliff Rishell will send a representative. Sheriff Gleason and Police Chief Divine will be there, with many other notables of the City, County, and Regional Park. Bud Vogel's horse, Honest John, will be wired for sound, and pomp and circumstance will prevail.

Details: Meet at Crossroads, Saturday, 12:30 p. m. Bring your sleeping bags, halter and tie rope, tagged with your name, and toss 'em on the truck. The ride, arranged with the help of Jack Richards, is through beautiful country, over good trails, for about four hours, with entertainment along the way, to Crow Canyon Park.

Barbecue dinner will be served at 6:00 p. m. Mel and Ted of La Fiesta Catering Service will have quarters of beef sizzling over an open fire. There'll be dancing to the music of Dusty Dale and his Trail Blazers, from 9:00 to 1:00 p. m., and a big breakfast the next morning, followed by games, swimming, and horse play.

Horse Accommodations: Hay will be furnished, and a place to tie your horse. Fleet Medlin and Duran Jones, whose ranches are nearby, have offered to make six box stalls available for stallions (make arrangements in advance with Bud Vogel). Price for everything: \$5.50.

Have the Family Meet You

Those who don't ride may dine and dance for \$3.50 each, or come out early Sunday for breakfast and games for \$1.50. Get tickets from Bud Vogel, Deane Burton, Joe Merritt, Dutch Cummings, Roger Farrar, Mel Coe or from your club or stable.

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IDEAS AND A BOUQUET FROM "BUCK" WILKINSON

TO THE EDITOR: The writer wishes to congratulate you on the improved Blazer . . if the present enthusiasm is kept up you will have a really valuable organ.

John Thiel has done a wonderful job so far and he is to be commended. He has a bunch of new advertisers and there are plenty more. Members, a great many of them business men and professional men, can use a medium of this kind quite profitably. . .

How about digging up an instructor in riding, a western teacher? . . We met a likeable young chap at Skyline the other day and he confided that he had been struggling learning to ride for two months. . . He asked us for help but we know nothing of western riding. . . There should be an opening for a good riding instructor, western. Get his advertisement, John. You will be doing everybody a good turn.

A confession. "Buck" rode horses all during his boyhood and young manhood in England. Always English. He owned horses in Vancouver, B. C. He owned horses in Spokane, Wash. and with the club there took part in many paper chases. Two years ago, before buying "Lad," he took some instructions from Bob Lorimer. Checking his posture, seat, etc. . . Now, thanks to Mother Nature and Bob, "Buck" has a very nice seat indeed. Oh yes.

(signed) "Buck" himself

EQUESTRIAN TRAILS, Inc., WORKS FOR BETTER BRIDLE TRAILS

TO THE EDITOR: (Re. story on a horsemen's organization in Southern California with larger membership than MHA) . . I should advise you that your laurels are not in jeopardy as our organization is not a club but rather a mutual protection group.

We were incorporated in 1944 for assisting in overall trail planning, and working with the various officials to establish rules and regulations to protect health and property, without the one-sided program which had been in effect. This has worked very well and we enjoy very good support from our top officials.

We are organized on an individual basis regardless of age. . In leaving clubs out of the picture and working as a closely knit body of horsemen for our mutual rights we can't lose. . The success we have enjoyed here in Southern California should convince the most hard-shelled that united we stand, divided we will surely fall.

So as I said, you are still the largest social group, but we are the largest single horse group ever banded together to fight for our rights regardless of our club affiliations, and our members represent every riding group in operation.

(signed) Elmer Howell, President

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HAVE WE SPELLED YOUR NAME WRONG?

If we have, will you let us know, so that we can make amends? Despite all the triple-checking, it happens, and we're sorry.

Have You Any Pictures?

With two big horse show issues coming out in May and June, the Trail Blazer will welcome pictures of members, clubs, stables, horses. Send them to the Editor at 51 Barbara Road, Orinda, and attach a note giving any necessary information. Pictures not used will of course be returned.

MHA Flags To Be Cleaned

Director Harold Cummings has offered the services of his establishment, Metropolitan Dry Cleaners, to put the MHA flags in good shape before their first public appearances this year. Matter of fact, the flags are already in his plant. Thank you, Harold!

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HOW DO YOU RATE ON TRAIL COURTESY?

By Janet Phillips, M. H. A. Junior

In talking to some of the top horsemen of this area, your reporter got the following suggestions on trail courtesy. Read them over, and check up on yourself:

(1) Slow down to a walk when you meet or pass other riders on the trails. They are out to enjoy themselves too. Don't rush up to some unsuspecting rider as though you were going to a fire. His horse may be skittish, and you may cause a serious accident.

(2) Close and latch all gates. If you have to dismount, do it. The people who own the property are kind enough to let you ride over their land. All they ask in return is that the gates be closed to keep their livestock from straying. You've probably seen the signs that the MHA has posted on many gates. Show your appreciation to the property owners.

(3) Watch for broken glass. It is a great danger to your horse. If you are guilty of throwing bottles along the trails, think of your horse and don't do it next time.

(4) Put out your cigarette or — better still—don't smoke on the trails. Cigarettes cause fires which can destroy much good pasture land, and blacken the very area you're riding through with such enjoyment.

(5) When riding with a group, don't walk down a hill and gallop up the other side. The horses behind you won't be walking down that hill—and their riders will never vote you "most popular"!

It's all a matter of being considerate of others. Try these few rules for yourself. You'll enjoy your rides more, and you'll find many friends ready and eager to ride with you.

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JUNIOR CONTEST WINNERS

Barbara Isham led in memberships signed up during February, with a total of 16, and Bernie Cummings came in a close second with 14 members. Both turned in three trail donations. Prizes were \$7.50 merchandise orders on Earl Nanninga's Saddle Shop, donated by Membership Chairman Charlie Gray and Assistant Chairman Harold Cummings.

COUNTY FAIR STOMP, APRIL 8

Fun and free gifts galore are promised at the April 8th dance sponsored by the MHA Juniors. The place: Norway Hall, 3829 Piedmont Ave. Time: 8:30 p. m. While the Juniors are sponsors, grownups are expected to attend in crowds, as the committees have made great plans for their entertainment. Decorations will be by Janet Phillips, assisted by Ward Gallo, Bernie Cummings, Shirley Jane Roberts and Betty Tavasone. Booths will be managed by Barbara Isham, aided by Corinne Smith, Connie Reynolds and Phebe Brown.

Joanne Ratto of the Juniors is the proud owner of a new horse, stabled at the Wagon Wheel. He is three years old, a part saddlebred gelding with three white feet—a beauty.

JR. HORSE SHOW, AUG. 6 AT HARRY ROWELL RANCH

Taking quick advantage of Harry Rowell's offer of his arena and facilities without charge, the MHA Juniors have scheduled their Horse Show for Sunday, August 6, at the Rowell Ranch in Hayward. Joe Merritt helped to obtain this splendid location.

Phebe Brown, Horse Show Chairman, reports that there will be a long list of classes, with ribbons and trophies to the winners. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Publicity, Janet Phillips; Secretary, Barbara Isham; Trophies, Pat Wirt. Other posts will be filled in the near future.

The Junior activity for March was a hay ride, which provided fun for everyone.

The Drill Team continues to work hard and expects a busy season. An early appearance is scheduled for the Children's Horse Show in Concord.

Junior participation in the MHA Spring Dance brought fun and profit too; the Juniors handled the check stand and soft drink bar. Net profit for the Junior treasury: about \$30.00.

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A. B. Graham expects to do a lot of trail riding on his saddlebred, Denny, and his stable mate, a 3-year-old gelding which was born practically in the heart of the Montclair business section. The gelding is now being broke.

Bea McKechnie is having a lot of fun and a lot of work caring for her two horses. Bronze Genius, the colt, is now a yearling and a handful. However, Bea expects to show her at the coming Breeders' Futurity at Stockton this year.

Elizabeth Frampton is trying awfully hard to find a good home for her saddlebred gelding, Walk-A-Way, "for free." Lizzie has three Shetlands and one saddlebred mare, which she finds too, too much work and no play.

Sidney Chown also of Montclair, is going to town these days, getting ready for the big trail rides. Sid did o. k. for himself last year. Let's hope he does as well this year. The De Anza ride, Riverside to Cal-exico, is on his program, and he would like to have a few colleagues from here join him. Sid also is fixing up the trails in his neighborhood, a handsome and generous bit of work.

Frank Landucci and his daughter Greta of Guido Road recently lost their 12-year-old palomino mare, Goldie, and 8-year-old pony, Ginger. The veterinarian diagnosed the deaths as due to animal polio. Frank has since bought another palomino mare and renamed her Goldie.

The 21 year old Saddlebred stallion, Hy-tone Denmark, has been the pet of Noni Nichols' stable at 3457 Mountain Blvd. for the past six months. Noni and daughter, Joan, have both enjoyed riding the old fellow, who is a real gentleman, and beautifully trained. He belongs to Bob Simmons, Castro Valley, who is taking him back for a friend to ride.

Piedmont Stables

Thirty-five Piedmont boarders and their friends had a delicious breakfast at the Round-Up a few weeks ago. A ride had been planned, but due to a slight *precipitation* the only ones who ventured out were Harold Knudsen and Bill Patten.

Princess, Jack Sherburne's saddlebred, can be very proud of her owner: he rides her two or three times a week, and when he can't ride, he gives her expert grooming and care.

Lots of progress has been made on the outdoor paddocks at the Piedmont. Soon there will be a separate paddock for each horse.

The outdoor ring has had a thorough going-over, too. Bill Patten has had a tractor and harrow working, in preparation for Spring and Summer.

"Don't let anybody tell you it never rains in Arizona," said Bill, on his return from a recent trip. He hauled Buddy and Bobby Palmquist's two ponies to Phoenix, where the boys are going to school. Actually, most of the time the weather was wonderful. He returned with Indian moccasins for daughter Linda.

Congratulations to Roy Raphael, Jr., who will join the ranks of the married this Summer.

Pinto Ranch

Early in March, Pinto Ranch opened the Spring Season with a wienie roast.

Footprinters have begun their Sunday drills at Pinto. This newest of the local riding groups has made a splendid appearance at many parades, and is looking toward a bright future.

New boarders are Molly Struthers and her nice pinto horse, as well as the horses of Nadine Franzaga and Julie and Nick Nichols. (A speedy recovery to the Nichols dog, whose broken leg is temporarily in a cast.)

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Wagon Wheel Ranch

Bob Walton and Lou Sylvia, who were initiated into the Footprinters last month, have begun Sunday drills with the group. Bob has a pinto stud, Prince, and Lou a sorrel named Copper.

Six of the MHA Juniors are boarding their horses at The Wagon Wheel.

Most of the Wagon Wheel riders are beginning to come back, now that good riding weather is here, and the place is humming these days.

News from Neves

Marilyn Hall is a new boarder, with her little horse, Sugar. Gertrude Potter is also new, with her good saddlebred mare, Highland Beauty. A sincere welcome to them both!

There's a new road at Neves, going up the hill to the barn. It was a great help during the rainy season.

Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol

New members include Joe Young, well known to Oakland horse enthusiasts, Colonel Adams, and Lt. Roy Fox. The Adams family are stabling two trick pintos at the ranch; Joe has brought his two handsome thoroughbreds to the stable; Lt. Fox is riding Captain Floyd Jacobs' horse, Mucho Grande.

At the St. Patrick's Day parade in San Francisco, Past Captain Fred Bemis acted as Marshall; Archie Brown and Harry Peckham as Assistant Parade Marshalls. Bemis and Peckham also took a trophy for matched pairs.

Treasurer Jerry Jacobs, formerly of the Marine Corps, was presented the Air Medal at a parade review held March 3 on Treasure Island.

MOUNTED GROUPS

Alameda County Sheriff's Posse

MHA Director Joe Stern and D. D. Jones are both sporting brand new silver outfits, to add to the glory of the Posse.

Ray Morris has recently purchased a splendid new palomino horse.

Harold Cummings has returned to the active list, after several months' retirement because of health.

The Posse took a first prize at the Hayward Flower and Water Festival on March 18—a parade at which there was more water than expected!

Drill practice every Friday night at Skyline: it's hard work, but the group is planning to put on a drill at the Rowell Rodeo on May 6 and 7.

Lari-ette Show April 15

Postponed at the last minute because heavy rains had made the arena too wet, the Lari-ette horse show will be held Saturday, April 15 at Skyline Ranch. Children's equitation classes in the afternoon, with finals and all other classes Saturday night.

Cummings Rancheria

James Paps, having sold his Ford Agency, is now enjoying life, taking to the hills and trails on his favorite Tony, a beautiful Palomino.

Arthur Hatch, Regional Manager for Ford, has been accompanying Jim on trail rides, with his stock horse, Smoky.

Harold Cummings has sold his Tennessee walking horse to Mrs. Ruth Richardson.

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BIT & SPUR HORSE SHOW

The 15th Annual Bit & Spur Horse Show was held Sunday, March 26 in the Umbrella Ring at Cressmount. Officials were: Judges: Gen. George W. Sliney and Mrs. C. Bancroft Towne; Announcer, Liz Schohr; Ring Clerk, Zoe Desloge; Ribbon Clerk, Pat Tiggard; Number Clerks, Peggy Ogden and Margaret Mosh; Paddock Clerks, Muriel Ratcliff and Mrs. J. A. Holbrook.

Classes were: jumping, dressage, Shongehon drill, B. & S. special triway event, to include dressage, jumping and practical phase; point-to-point jumping; Bit & Spur drill; teams of fours; side-saddle pairs in costume, and gymkhana events.

Refreshments were served by the famous Saddle Bags.

The traditional Shongehon drill was scheduled for presentation at five shows during the Junior 4-H Livestock and Horse Show at the Cow Palace, the first three days in April.

Miss Cornelia Cress, director for the group, announced the line-up of riders as follows:

Color Guard: Pat Brandes, Muriel Radcliff, Dede Brandes, Jeffrey Hardin.

Guidons: Peggy Day, Ann Burnham, Jo Ann Schetter, Ann Conwell, Bonnie Bothwell, Carol De Vilbiss, Jackie Pickler, Linda Lorimer, Linnell Powers, Joyce Moore, Janet MacKenzie, Janet Scott, Karen Anderson, Janet Moore, Lynn Cuttle and Deon Stenzel.

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RIDERS' RALLY, APRIL 21

Diverting entertainment is promised at Cressmount's Umbrella Ring on Friday evening, April 21, during the Riders' Rally. Movies for both western and English enthusiasts have been arranged, as well as the Family Album, featuring pictures taken prior to 1940.

Alameda Boys' Club to Sponsor Rodeo

A two-day rodeo at the Harry Rowell Ranch in Dublin Canyon will be held September 3rd and 4th, according to Dr. John Ohanneson of the J/O Ranch. Dr. Ohanneson is President of the Alameda Boys' Club, which will sponsor the rodeo to raise funds for the activities of the Club.

The show promises to equal some of Harry Rowell's best, and is expected to draw a wide array of talent.

SAVE THESE DATES

Apr. 8—MHA JR. "COUNTY FAIR STOMP," Norway Hall, \$1.00.

April 15, Evening—

Lari-ettes' Horse Show, Skyline Ranch.

April 21—Riders' Rally, Cressmount.

April 24—5th Region Dinner Meeting, El Molino, Lafayette.

29, 30—MHA OVERNIGHT RIDE to Crow Canyon Park.

April 7—Rowell Ranch Rodeo, Hayward.

April 30—GEORGE DANIELS DAY (MHA Members Only)

April 4—MHA OPEN MEETING, Theatre of Sun Electric Corp.

April 4, 25—

ANNUAL MHA HORSE SHOW.

April 1—Horse Show, San Pablo.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED BY MHA

DAN DANIELSON rides with the Footprinters, gets excited about hunting, fishing and baseball; likes all horse activities; is with the S. F. Examiner.

ALICE HOLBROOK hails from Honolulu, rides with Upson Downs and Saddle Bags at Cressmount, and is active in shows there.

LOIS KLAAS takes her lovely mare, Cindy, on trail rides with the Boots & Jeans.

RICHARD (BUD) MANSFIELD is an ardent quarterhorse fan, rides Blood Stone, a nice mare; is with Auto Dealers and Jobbers in Oakland.

BILL SLDRE owns a Morgan gelding, Toby, an excellent cutting horse and good with cattle. Bill has a trucking business of his own, likes to hunt, and is interested in blooded cattle.

BURTON R. THOMAS rides with the Frontier Boys and the Footprinters. He is a dealer in typewriters and office machines in Oakland.

JOHN WIBBERLY rides with the Alameda Co. Sheriff's Posse, owns two horses, Happy and Sandy; is with the Calif. Ass'n Private Investigators.

Introducing New Juniors

ANN ABBOTT is a ninth grader at Oakland High, goes in for sports, and is mighty proud of her Morgan mare, Dolly.

SUE BRISTOW, in the sixth grade at Franklin School, is just learning to ride her quarterhorse gelding, Smoky.

CAROLE ANN BURKHART, who likes sports and chorus work, has a unique hobby: tying flies for fishing. She rides from Miss Graham's.

LYNN CUTTLE rides with the Subalterns at Cressmount, expects to take up jumping; goes to Frick School in Oakland.

JOYCE and ERNEST ERLBECK both ride Western. Joyce attends Frick and likes to draw horses. Ernest goes to Whittier, and makes models—of what, he didn't tell us.

HELAINÉ JONES likes ice skating, playing the piano; rides with both Pegasus Patrol and Subalterns at Cressmount.

RHODA KATZ, in the eighth grade at Frick, enjoys riding, craft work, dancing.

LENORE KING rides western, goes to Castlemont High, has a special fondness for sewing.

RONNIE LOPES, of Castlemont High, has a variety of hobbies: hunting, fishing, swimming, and horses; he would like to help the Juniors on Activities.

LINDA ELAINE PATTEN, aged two, is the lucky owner of a quarterhorse mare, Jole Blon. She also rides, of all things, a kiddie car, and in her spare time rides with her daddy, Bill. If there's a candy eating committee, she'll be glad to head it.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

In the absence of Vice-President Charlie Gray (who has been having a bout with pneumonia), Harold Cummings reported to the Directors on March 30th: paid-up memberships for 1950 to date number 506, against 345 by the same date last year. A bouquet to the Juniors for their good work.

TRAIL BLAZER REPORT

Director Dave Jones announced on March 30th that The Trail Blazer had progressed from a profit of 12c in January to an estimated \$108.21 in the black for the first quarter of 1950. While this, of course, does not indicate how well collections are coming in, Dave pointed out that it does show continued reader interest and an excellent job on the part of Advertising Manager John Thiel.

All work on the Trail Blazer is done on a voluntary basis, in line with the general policy that there are no paid posts in the MHA, Director Jones added.

"Rancho El Cielito"

Treasurer Mabel Smith is about to move into her charming new ranch home at 5047 Dublin Avenue, Oakland.

Custom built by R. W. Hampton of Saroni Drive, the house is of modern ranch type, designed and developed with great respect for the climate, the trees and for easy and gracious living. Included in the kitchen and adjoining an indoor patio is an appealing barbecue with rotating spit.

The two mares, Ginger and Sugar, owned by Mrs. Smith and her daughter, Mrs. Bonny Hooper, have been occupying their new stall homes for some time now.

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